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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1. (currently amended) A storage organizer system comprising a rail adapted to be securely mounted to a substantially flat vertical surface, a storage unit including at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels having front and rear portions, at least one rail engaging member mounted to the two laterally spaced-apart upright panels and extending towards the rear, said rail engaging member being adapted to engage the rail for suspending the unit from the rail, a spacer extending rearwardly from each of said upright panels at a distance from said rail engaging member for defining a gap (D) behind said storage unit once installed on said rail, wherein said rail engaging member is removably securable at selected various vertically spaced-apart fixed locations along a major portion of the length of said spaced-apart upright panels in vertically spaced-apart holes defined along said at least two spaced-apart upright panels.

Claim 2. (withdrawn)

Claim 3. (original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said rail engaging portion has a hooked end for engagement at a selected location in said rail.

Claim 4. (original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said rail engaging member includes a transversal member extending across said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels, and at least one hook mounted to said transversal member between said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels for engagement with said rail.

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Claim 5. (original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 4, wherein said transversal member is allowed to rotate about a longitudinal axis thereof relative to said at least two spaced-apart upright panels.

Claim 6. (original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 5, wherein said transversal member is provided in the form of a rod received at opposed ends thereof in first and second circular holes respectively provided in said at least two laterally spaced-apart panels.

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Claim 7. (original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 3, wherein said at least one rail engaging member includes a distinct rail engaging member for each panel, each said distinct rail engaging member being provided in the form of a bracket adapted to be secured to a corresponding panel of said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels.

Claim 8 (previously amended) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 7, wherein said bracket includes a pair of parallel arms extending from opposed ends of a web member for receiving said corresponding panel therebetween with said web member covering an underlying portion of a rear edge of said corresponding panel, and a hook extending rearwardly from said web member for engaging said rail.

Claim 9. (withdrawn)

Claim 10. (previously amended) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said spacer is provided at a bottom end portion of said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels.

Claim 11. (previously amended) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said spacer includes a projection extending rearwardly from a rear edge of each of said at least two laterally spaced-apart panels.

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Claim 12. (previously amended) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said rail includes first and second legs extending at an acute angle from each other, said first legs defining a number of holes adapted to receive fasteners for horizontally securing said rail to the vertical surface with said second leg projecting upwardly.

Claim 13. (original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 12, wherein said rail has a J-shape, whereas said rail engaging portion has an inverted J-shape.

Claim 14. (withdrawn)

Claim 15. (currently amended) A storage organizer system comprising a rail adapted to be fixed to a vertical surface, a storage organizer unit for supporting some articles, a rail engaging member mounted to said storage organizer unit and projecting rearwardly therefrom for hanging said storage organizer unit from said rail, and a spacer extending rearwardly from a lower end portion of said storage organizer unit at a distance from said rail engaging member for defining a gap (D) behind said storage organizer unit once installed on said rail, wherein said rail engaging member is removably securable at ~~selected~~ various vertically spaced-apart fixed locations along a substantial portion of the length of the upright panels in vertically spaced-apart holes defined along said at ~~least~~ least two-spaced apart upright panels to provide for selective positioning of said rail engaging member relative to said storage organizer unit.

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Claim 16. (previously amended) A storage organizer system comprising a rail adapted to be securely mounted to a substantially flat vertical surface, a storage unit including at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels having front and rear portions, and at least one rail engaging member mounted to the two laterally spaced-apart upright panels and extending towards the rear, said rail engaging member being adapted to engage the rail for suspending the unit from the rail, wherein said rail engaging member includes a transversal member extending across said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels, and at least one hook mounted to said transversal member between said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels for engagement with said rail, and wherein said rail engaging member is removably securable at selected vertically spaced-apart locations in vertically spaced-apart holes defined along said at least two spaced-apart upright panels.

Claim 17. (previously presented) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 16, wherein said transversal member is allowed to rotate about a longitudinal axis thereof relative to said at least two spaced-apart upright panels.

Claim 18. (previously presented) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 17, wherein said transversal member is provided in the form of a rod received at opposed ends thereof in first and second circular holes respectively provided in said at least two laterally spaced-apart panels.